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Village Greetings

Marion Stroll Through Winter Wonderland

By Robert Chiarito

Marion rang in the Christmas season this past weekend with their annual Village Stroll on Sunday, December 9. Part street festival, part Christmas parade, the annual event was Marion at its best, pulling out all of the stops as the town welcomed the in the Yule Tide with its own particular flair.

The day's festivities began at the Sippican School where the Tri-County Symphonic Band held a holiday concert in the school's auditorium. Playing a range of seasonal favorites, the band warmed up its audience for what would prove to be a day's worth of celebration. At the close of the concert, remnants of the band led a procession from the school to Island Wharf to await the arrival of the day's special guest.

Some time just after 3:00 pm, a bright red boat appeared at the mouth of Sippican Harbor. As the boat ap-



Above: On Thursday, December 6, 53 Old Rochester Regional High School seniors were honored at the John and Abigail Adams Scholars Recognition Night. The Adams Scholarship is awarded to a student that is in the top 25 percent of their district and score advanced on one MCAS exam and either advanced or proficient on the other. Students must also maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better while in college to keep receiving aid. The recipients of the Adams Award receive free tuition at any of the state's public colleges or universities. Here recipient Christiana Pineda of Mattapoisett receives congratulations from Principal Sheila Haskins and ORR School Superintendent Bill Cooper. (Photo courtesy of Jane McCarthy).

On the cover: Santa Claus took time out of his busy schedule last weekend to visit all the good boys and girls in Marion during the town's Annual Christmas Village Stroll on Sunday, December 9. Saint Nick arrived via boat in Sippican Harbor and then took a horse-drawn carriage ride through the center of town. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).

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proached the large crowd — filled with families — began to reverberate with a buzz that soon grew to a an all out frenzy as Santa Claus and a few of his helpers made their way towards the gangway leading them into Marion. The jolly old elf patiently made his way through the crowd of people, stopping along the way to greet children who reached out for a hug or to have a photograph taken with



Above: Members of Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53 prepare care packages that are going to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan over the holidays. Donations are still being accepted to support our soldiers overseas. There is a local collection point at Mailbox Services on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The Boy Scouts will make sure donations go to our men and women serving in all branches of the military. Letters and cards are always welcome additions to a package. For more information about what things are needed for care packages, please check out the website of Cape Cod Cares For Our Troops at www.capecod4thetroops.com, or contact Troop 53 Scoutmaster Ron Ellis at 508-758-3311.

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Awaiting Santa at the foot of the wharf was a horse-drawn cart. A team of Clydesdales pulled away with Santa and several dozen lucky fans. The scene was repeated throughout the day as load after load of kids and their parents were taken on a holiday ride around Marion Center, which had been transformed from its usual sleepy self into a sort of Christmas-themed three-ring circus, complete with a juggler on stilts.

Local businesses gave the town and its residents plenty of holiday cheer as they gave hot drinks and refreshments to the visitors whom had come for the party. Everything from homemade cookies to fortune cookies, hot cider to hot chocolate, popcorn to peppermint candy canes was offered. The daylong event also included plenty of entertainment. There was a variety of music including a jazz-rock combo, a holiday bell choir and the Sippican School Band, all playing carols — some traditional and some with a beat. Handy's Tavern, which had been transformed into "Candyland" for the weekend, opened its doors to visitors welcoming children and their parents into a life-sized replica of the traditional board game. Across the street from the Tavern, a petting zoo had been set up with the youngest children in mind.

The festivities continued throughout the afternoon and came to an end after dark in Bicentennial Park across from Marion's Town House. Santa had taken up residence in front of a 30-foot tall Christmas Tree to hear

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the wishes of all of the good children of Marion as volunteers kept fires stoked for roasting marshmallows. Just after 6:00 pm, the huge tree came alive with hundreds of lights to loud applause. As the last child whispered their Christmas wish list into Saint Nick's ear, Santa slipped away into the night.

All reports indicate that Santa was headed back home to his workshop at the North Pole with a quick stop in Rochester along the way.

Green Season

Marion Garden Discussion Group Boutique
By Robert Chiarito

As the trees shed their leaves revealing hidden birds nests in the crooks of their branches, transforming from brilliant autumn colors to the brown and gray palette of winter, it is sometimes hard to picture the spring flowers that will eventually bloom. During the cold months of winter the women of the Marion Garden Discussion Group have been hard at work creating living works of art as part of their annual boutique fundraiser.

The pieces that they have been working on were on display and for sale at the group's annual Christmas Boutique held on Saturday, December 8 as part of the Holiday House Tour and Tea. Kyle Riseley, the group's co-chairman for the event, said, "We have been working very hard on this event since September. We have about 75 members, all of whom made some of what you see

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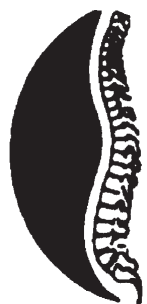
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The Boutique was held in the library of Saint Gabriel's Church on South Street in Marion, transforming the rooms into a lush garden.

"Different members specialized in different arrangements," Ms. Riseley said. "We try to use all natural materials in the work. There were people from our group who spent weeks collecting shells to make ornaments while others made small plate gardens of succulents." Ms. Riseley pointed out examples as she went along. Other pieces emphasized the seaside theme of the event and included glass ornaments planted with living materials and dwarf Alberta Spruce trees decorated with seashells from area shore lines.

Monies raised from the sale will go towards the group's continuing efforts to beautify the public spaces around Marion Center and Village areas. Next spring and summer the window boxes flowerbeds of the Village will be adorned with flowers and greenery purchased with the proceeds from the Christmas Boutique.

Another item of interest to gardeners at the sale was member Ruth Marie Nicolaci's book, *A Garden Monthly Journal*. This informative tome is filled with tips that both the avid and casual gardener will find helpful as they plan their planting schedule. Ms. Nicolaci has filled the book with dozen of helpful hints and advice that lets gardeners when know when the proper time to plant various species is at hand.

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"We had a very good day," Ms. Riseley said, adding, "We have been doing this six years now and we hope that the momentum builds from season to season and that each year we are more successful than the last."

Christmas Charity

The Gift That Keeps On Giving

By Kenneth J. Souza

While it may be becoming a bit of a cliché, I think it bears worth repeating that the true meaning of the Christmas season is the selfless act of giving. And while most of us can easily get caught up in the hustle and bustle of mall shopping and planning holiday parties, there are opportunities right here in the tri-towns to make a difference in someone else's lives this season.

One good example comes from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade students at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett. Students in Mr. Bowman's computer class recently designed and sent a holiday card with a personal note to let the troops know how much they are appreciated. These men and women are making the greatest of sacrifices to secure this free society and the students at OHS are doing their part to make sure they are not forgotten during the holidays.

The cards will be sent to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. The students are hoping these special holiday wishes will let the troops know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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As such, libraries of DVDs are being established at all military bases, most of which have a reinforced recreation room equipped with a television and DVD player. The goal of Operation DVD is to ultimately have a selection of 200 to 250 titles in rotation at each base. All films are acceptable, but DVDs of a sensitive nature (such as those portraying the killing of Muslims) are removed. Children's movies are distributed stateside through the Family Readiness Groups of the National Guard to the children of families with a parent currently serving in the armed forces.

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School Report
Sending Holiday Hope to the Hopeless
 By Olivia Mello

Though the weather outside may be frightful, we all know the delightfulness that is just around the corner. When thinking about the holiday season, you probably think of a number of different activities, from baking cookies to drinking warm cider, from hectic days spent shopping at the mall to unwrapping gifts like a maniac and from trudging through the cold snow to bundling by a hot fire.

It's true that all of these things is what makes this time of year so wonderful, but there is something more. There is something that, without it, would make none of

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Old Rochester Regional High School has put on a benefit for Holiday Hope that is working to give comfort to those who are less fortunate on the holidays. The ORR National Honor Society (NHS), with the help of their advisor, Ms. Dall, has set up a "giving tree" inside the high school located just outside of the front office. Upon the tree are ornamental notes that state a person's name and an item they wish to receive on the holidays.

This month marks the fifth consecutive year that ORR has set up a project such as this one. However, on this particular holiday season, the school has decided to switch it up a little bit. In the past they have found themselves working to provide gifts for seven or eight families. This year, they have a fascinating list of about 70 individuals who do not have the opportunity to spend the holiday season with the ones that they love, whether it be because they have lost their family and friends or because the distances that separate them are simply too far.

Students and staff from the school were given a couple of weeks to pick off their ornaments from the tree. They then proceeded to purchase the particular presents that were requested on their given cards. The participants bought and wrapped their gifts and dropped them back off at the high school. On December 11, all of the donations were collected and sent to the New Bedford Child and Family Services, where they will proceed to please 70 people who deserve to be just as happy on the holidays as everybody else.

Got ORR news that you would like to announce? Feel free to get in touch with me so that I can get it published in The Wanderer. I am always looking for reports relating to the Old Rochester Regional High School and would be more than happy to include your personal news. If you are attending or working in the school, you can catch me in Mrs. Mozaz's homeroom each morning, otherwise you can send the information addressed to my name to news@wanderer.com.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 11, 2007

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

The board first voted to approve the minutes of the November 13, November 20 and November 27 meetings of the board, then unanimously voted their conformity approval for the Barr settlement case with regard to the contractors working on the Mattapoisett Free Public Library expansion and renovation project.

To that end, Chairman Andrews noted the project has yet to be formally released to the town.

"I did receive a phone call from a citizen asking why the handicap parking spaces haven't been marked (at the library) ... and I explained that the project doesn't have to be completed until December 24," he said. "Please be rest assured the handicap parking space will be marked ... the job has not been turned over to the town as of yet."

At 7:02 pm the board met with Assessor Robert Cole to discuss ratification of the town's tax rate for Fiscal Year 2009. Although the Board of Assessors previously



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met with the board for a Tax Classification Hearing, the estimated tax rate given at that time was inaccurate.

"The values went down about three percent, pretty much across town," Mr. Cole said. "That's why the rate came up ... about 40 cents higher than last year."

With that, the board unanimously voted to sign and ratify the town's single tax rate for residential and commercial property at \$9.80 per \$1,000 of valuation.

Under the Selectmen's discussion items, the board discussed the status of the newly-updated Virtual Town Hall website.

"Most of the departments can do their own inputting ... I'm just trying to fill in the cracks as I see fit," said Dan White, who has been updating the town's new web-



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site. "One thing I've noticed, as far as creating different pages, there's about 20 different (templates) that you can work with. I happened to see one that said 'slide show' so I went out and took some pictures of local landmarks and put together a slide show."

This slide show feature can be accessed under the "About Mattapoisett" link on the webpage.

"Everybody who works for the town should be able to access e-mail (through the website)," Mr. White said. "At least it's started and you should be able to add to it. We just need people to send us information so we can post it online. You can e-mail events to (us) via the links on the homepage located at www.mattapoisett.net. Send us an e-mail on what you want us to add to make it better. We're looking for feedback."

Ms. Pacheco noted that the town's Shellfish Officer has advised that Shining Tides in Mattapoisett — the waters located in front of the YMCA facility — is now closed to the taking of shellfish through the beginning of June.

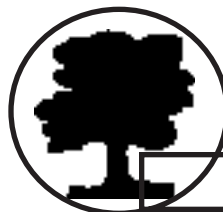
Chairman Andrews also wanted to advise local families with men and women in the military to keep them abreast of advancements in pay grade.

"If you have loved ones in the service who get an advancement in pay grade, please let the town officials in Mattapoisett and Rochester know so we can congratulate them for their service," Chairman Andrews said.

In other matters, the board noted:

- The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

- The Mattapoisett Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 21 at 12:00 noon for the Town Hall Christmas Party and will also close at 12:00 noon on Monday, December 24 and Monday, December 31. The



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Town Hall will be closed all day on Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday and on Tuesday, January 1 in celebration of New Year's Day.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Botelho first wanted to thank Melody Pacheco for all her hard work in organizing the very successful Annual "Holiday in the Park" celebration which was held in Shipyard Park on Saturday, December 1.

"It's my baby and every year it's getting bigger and better," Ms. Pacheco said. "And we've had a lot of great help from the community. That's the part I love the best ... going out there and seeing people contribute. There's nothing better than when you come down on that Fire Engine and you see the park filled."

"It was a great family day ... congratulations," Selectman Lombard added.

Mr. Botelho noted the Community Planning Committee is up and running and has been meeting on a regular basis.

Under correspondence, the board received a letter from Fire Chief Ronald Scott requesting that the Fire Department's bucket truck be declared as surplus property. The board unanimously approved the request.

The Mattapoissett Tree Committee also sent a letter asking that the Selectmen declare April 25 as Arbor Day in the Town of Mattapoissett in an effort to get the designation of "Tree City USA." With that, the board unanimously voted to declare Friday, April 25 as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Mattapoissett.

There being no further matters to come before the board in Open Session, they unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:31 pm and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 10, 2007

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 10 at 7:22 pm by Chairman Bradford N. Morse immediately following the town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Town Hall. Also present were Selectman

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Richard Nunes, Selectman Dan A. McGaffey, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the November 20 meeting, the board met with Town Planner Randall Kunz and Planning Board Chairman Robert Cummings to revisit the board's previous decision to decline support for a water line extension for a proposed 34-unit development project on New Bedford Road.

"We spoke at the last meeting about the proposed development ... and the need to extend the water line west just past Cushman Road," Mr. Kunz said. "Mr. Cummings presented some discussion noting that it isn't the water supply so much that limits (the project), but the



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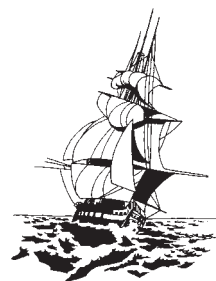
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sanitary needs (of residents). Do you feel it is appropriate to reconsider your vote when you decided you didn't want to extend the water main?"

"I think here the option is real clear," Mr. Cummings said.

"(The developer) did say it would cost some \$300,000 more to do the water (main) route than to do the individual wells," Mr. Kunz said. "I talked to the partners and told them we would be talking to the Board of Selectmen. We told them you (might) reconsider the option. It would be a much better project if it had town water, in my consideration."

"It's in the best interest of the town to have it connected to (town) water," Mr. Cummings agreed. "It provides a safer solution for the people living there. (Having individual wells) is just not in the best interest of the community."

"The issue in my mind is that with these wells for each condo so close together, the potential for failure is greater and the difficulty in supplying an alternate water supply for the residents ... would fall back on the town," Mr. Kunz said.

Mr. LaCamera suggested that if they vote to reconsider allowing the water line installation, they should require the developers to contribute into a water development fund to offset future expenses.

"We haven't fully addressed the water line concerns in our (intermunicipal agreement) with the Town



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of Marion," Chairman Morse noted. "If we're going to be allowing people to connect to the water line and charge betterments, we'll need (approval) of Marion Town Meeting."

"It sounds like there's some questions we haven't dealt with in terms of policy," Selectman McGaffey said.

"We do need permission from Marion ... and that's one of the things we need to renegotiate under the intermunicipal agreement," Mr. LaCamera said. "The other thing we need to address is the rate structure."

"The bottom line is: is this developer going to withdraw his project if he doesn't get town-supplied water?" Selectman Nunes asked.

Mr. Cummings said the project will move forward either way — with the water line or individual wells servicing the condo units as now proposed.

"I would call this a safety issue and eventually it's going to become an issue with the Board of Health," he added.

"I understand the project, I just have questions with the way our (agreement) is set up with Marion," Chairman Morse said.

"Because this is a Special Permit, the ... by-law requires that he have a set of utilities," Mr. Kunz said.

With that, the board voted 2 to 1 to reconsider allowing the developer of the New Bedford Road project to tie into the town's water line, with Selectman Morse in sole opposition. Approval, however, is contingent upon

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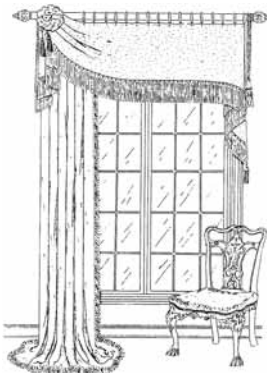
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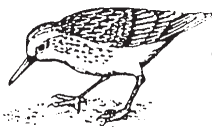
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the condition that the Town of Marion allows them to tie into the water line.

"We need to know what we can and cannot do under the existing intermunicipal water agreement," Mr. LaCamera said.

"I think we're kind of backing into building a water supply for the Town of Rochester," Selectman McGaffey said. "We should not be building it piece-by-piece based on individual requests from developers."

The board next met with Fred LaFrance to review his request for a Class II used car license renewal.

"We just have some issues with the number of cars you have onsite," Chairman Morse said. "I guess you have something like 75 cars onsite. What's a workable number for inventory on that site?"

"I'd say 50 (cars)," Mr. LaFrance said.

Since the proprietor is working toward reducing his inventory, the board agreed to approve his current license with a 75-car limit and would reduce it to just 50 cars next year.

The board also met with Charles Nunes to review his Class II license renewal for an establishment on Ryder Road.

"I have about 35 cars (onsite)," Mr. Nunes said.

"I think our concern was the junk cars out back and buses ... onsite," Chairman Morse said, noting that state law only allows three unregistered vehicles onsite if they don't fall under the used car license inventory.

The board agreed to grant a temporary 90-day license with the stipulation that these additional vehicles be removed from the property within that timeframe.

At 8:07 pm the board met with Conservation Agent Laurell J. Farinon to consider placing conservation restrictions on seven acres of property owned by Christine Gaumont off Cushman Road and one on another 60-acre parcel owned by Russ and Wendy Keeler off Vaughan Hill Road.

"Both of these conservation restrictions are being donated," Ms. Farinon said. "The joint holders of these conservation restrictions will be the Rochester Land Trust and the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB)."

"I think these are both good restrictions," said

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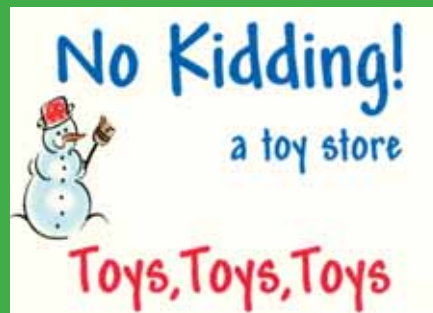


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Allen Decker of the CBB. "Both (properties) would be considered highly developable. This just adds to the inventory of open space for the benefit of the town. It's remarkable that both landowners are interested in doing restrictions of this nature."

"I think it's great ... Mr. and Ms. Keeler and Ms. Gaumont should be commended for their contributions," Selectman Nunes agreed.

With that, the board unanimously voted to sign and approve the two Conservation Restrictions as submitted by Ms. Farinon.

The board also signed and approved a Class I license for R.F. Morse and Sons, Inc.; Class II licenses for C&C Auto and The Custom Shop; and Class III licenses for Murphy's Auto Salvage and High Street Auto and Truck Salvage.

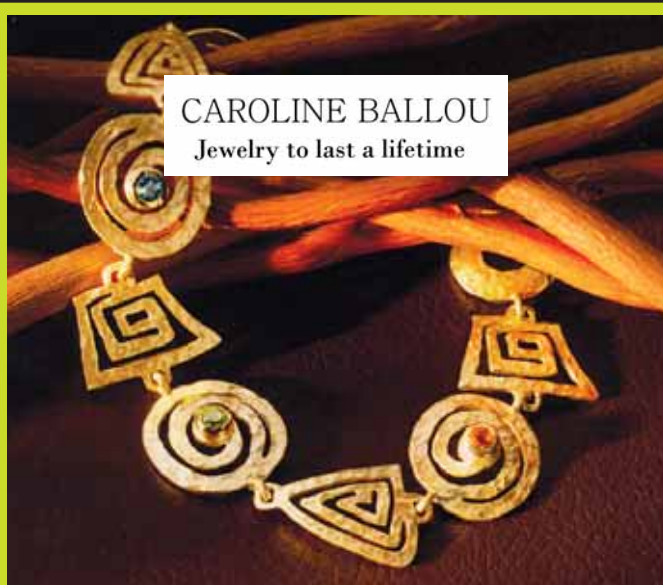
Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera suggested the following regular Selectmen's meetings for January and February, 2008: January 7 and January 22; February 4 and February 11.

Mr. LaCamera also noted the board previously continued their Annual Tax Classification Hearing pending final approval from the Department of Revenue (DOR). Since they are still awaiting confirmation from DOR, the hearing will be continued again to Monday, December 17.

Mr. LaCamera said he will be discussing a draft Capital Plan during their January 7 meeting and also will

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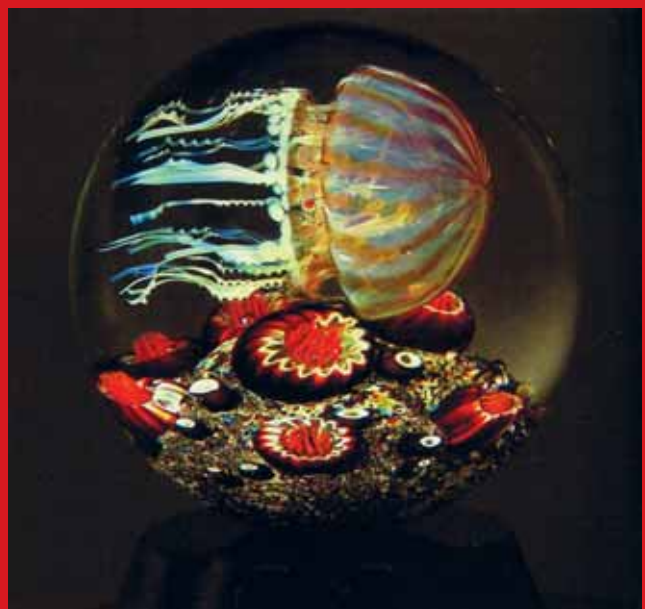
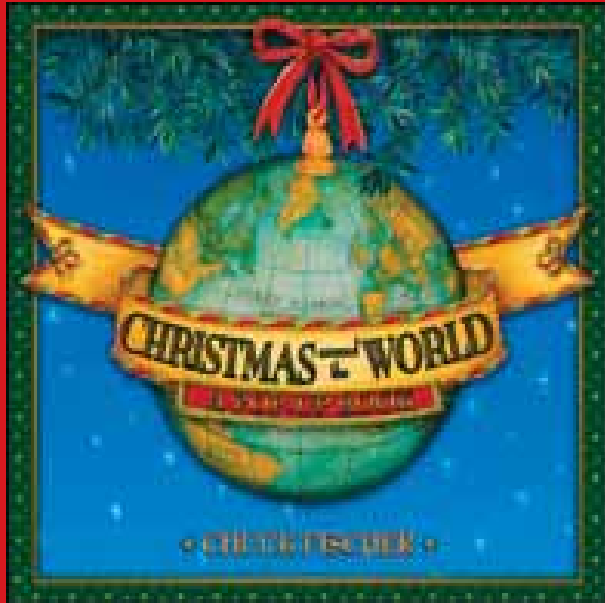
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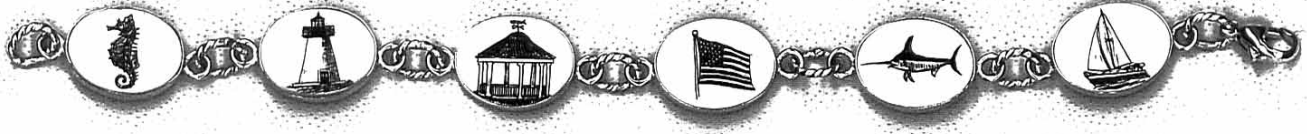
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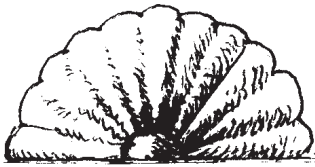
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Under correspondence, the board received:

- Request from the Multiple Sclerosis Society (MSS) to run their annual Bicycle Tour benefit down Route 105 in Rochester on June 28 and 29, 2008. The board had no objections as long as the town's public safety officials are aware of the event and give it their blessing.
- Notice from the Massachusetts Historical Commission that the North Rochester Congregational Church has been declared eligible for consideration for placement on the National Register of Historic Places pending further review.

• Letter from Karl L. Ashley III advising he is planning to convey two pieces of property off Burgess Avenue and Walnut Plain Road that are currently under Chapter 61A agricultural restrictions to Steven E. Sol. Mr. Sol intends to keep both parcels under the Chapter 61A restrictions so the town does not need to exercise its right of first refusal on buying the properties.

Under notices, Chairman Morse cited the next Board of Appeals Hearing on the proposed Featherbed Development Corporation Chapter 40B project would take place on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 pm at the Rochester Council on Aging (COA).

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:26 pm.

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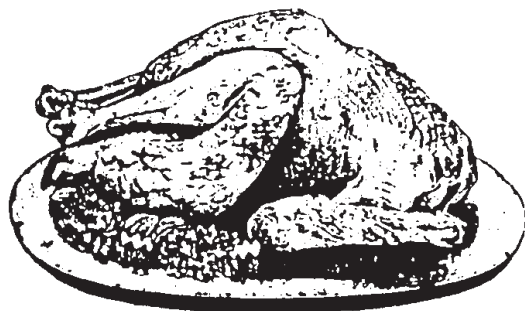
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Both of the Bulldogs teams have records of two wins and no losses. The teams will compete on Saturday, December 14 at the South Coast Conference Relays.

The **Old Colony Cougars Boys Basketball Team**, led by **Matt Pacheco's** team high 15-point effort, won their season opener 64-43 over Sacred Heart on Monday, December 10. The Cougars played tough defense throughout the contest as they limited Sacred Heart to only 21 second-half points. Old Colony's win gives them a 1-0 record overall and in Mayflower League play.

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Sign-Ups for the Third through Sixth Grade **Mattapoisett Basketball League** will be held **Thursday, December 20** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the **Old Hammondtown School Gym** or via mail-in registration forms no later than January 4, 2008. Evaluations for **Grades 3-6** will be held **Saturday, January 5**. Sign-ups for **Second Graders** will be held **Thursday, January 17** between 5:30 and 7:00 pm in the **Center School Gym** or mail-in registration



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Mattapoisett Baseball

The Mattapoisett Youth Baseball Association (MYBA) will meet on **Monday, January 14** and **Monday, January 28 at 6:00 pm** both nights in the **Center School Conference Room**.

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istration forms were due December 1. If you have not yet registered and plan on playing, please be aware that team rosters are being completed and late registrations may not be accepted or put on a waiting list. Please send in your registration forms immediately.

Please send ideas, comments and suggestions to: Sports, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, e-mail releases to news@wanderer.com, or fax, 24-hours-a-day, to 508-758-4845.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen wishes to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals, businesses and town departments who so kindly donated their time, effort and patronage in making our Second Annual Village Stroll and "Holiday in the Park" a bigger and better success.

Again, heartfelt thanks go out to Chase Canopy and their crew for their time and patience for putting up their tents under cold and damp conditions! What a great group of guys! Danny and Andy Chase of Chase Canopy supplied and donated to the town: tents, chairs, tables, heaters, thermos containers, and extension cords. Thank you Danny and Andy for your con-



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A sincere thank you to Jen Rusinoski for making it possible and seeing that we had an area designated for making ornaments with the children under the tent this year. A thank you to all her helpers and thank you Bobbi Gaspar for the idea!

A big thank you to Julie Monaghan of Monaghan Printing of Fairhaven for her generous donation of printing our colored holiday flyers. They were absolutely breath-taking ... thanks, Julia. And without our designer of our flyers, there wouldn't have been any, so thank you Paula Butterfield for your endless effort to get them done and on time.

The Mattapoisett Lions Club for their annual participation with their raffle and collection of gifts for the children in need and their hot chocolate and cup donation.

Mattapoisett Women's Club for the "Holiday Door Decorating" Contest. Thank you, ladies! Again, congratulations to the lucky winner and don't forget to look for the entries in *The Wanderer*! Thank you Bobbi Ketchel and Lois Ennis for supplying our establishments with the Village Stroll event flyers ... they got the message out to the public and it worked!

Thank you to the Mattapoisett Historical Society and Carriage House for opening their doors to the public for all to enjoy an afternoon of Mattapoisett's history. Again, thank you Bette Roberts and her staff.

Hats off to our sound man, Rick LeBlanc, for keeping our music program on key and for baring the cold ... great job, and it was loud and clear!

Thank you Jim Farmer for putting together another half-hour of music from the students at ORR Junior High School for this growing event. An awesome job performed by all the musicians. Thanks, Stan Ellis for doing all the running around seeing that we have some sort of music playing each year! You never let us down and we thank you for that! And a "hats off" performance provided by The Showstoppers!

Without our signs to pave the way, Mr. and Ms. Santa Claus and their little friends would have been lost ... so, thank you Ken Pacheco of Village Signs for seeing that we didn't get lost and thanks Ken for another fine job of being our Master of Ceremonies. You're always right on cue, even without a program!

And speaking of trees, a sincere thank you to Stuart Mitchell of Rochester for so kindly donating this year's tree to the park for our Annual Tree Lighting. It was just the right size allowing the children to hang their ornaments on.

Thank you to Wally Rusinoski for being our electrical man on hand.

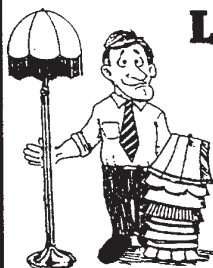
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A thank you to Diane Perry's Art Class students at Center School, the Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops under the direction of Sheila Dlugosinski and Sandy Thomas ... for all those great tree ornaments, without them our tree would be extremely bare. Great job done by all the children.

Julie Craig of Seahorse Farms for those great pony rides. The children were absolutely thrilled with this year's new addition to the town's "Holiday in the Park" event. Also, thank you to the Mattapoisett Land Trust for the use of their land to hold this event.

Mattapoisett Women's Firefighters Auxiliary for their delicious cookies.

Thank you Jocelyn, Carol and Sandy of Water Street Realty for offering cookie decorating ... the kids really enjoyed it ... you gals are on again next year!

A thank you to our Boy Scout Troops ... every one of you were such great sports considering how cold a day it was. As always, the poinsettias and wreaths were great sellers! Get your orders in early! A community thank you to Jodi Bauer and Ron Ellis and all their volunteers and helpers for their participation again in the town's Village Stroll. Also, thank you Jodi for the face-painting provided by the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Youth Group. The children's faces were simply shining with glitter!

The taping of the "Holiday Village Stroll" was provided by the town's very own camera man, Danny White. Thank you, G. Daniel, for getting that camera rolling once again and for having your twin daughters, Danielle and Ashley White, return again this year to so kindly donate their time from college and to brave the cold to be "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and

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"Frosty the Snowman." You both get "atta girls!" Also, thank you to the Grinch, a/k/a Josh Dessert, and Sparky the Fire Dog. Speaking of taping, thank you to *The Wanderer*. You did a great job of taping the events. The video of the park was most enjoyable and the pictures were terrific.

And without our food servers there would not be a food tent ... Thank you to all ... Jocelyn Lombard, Melanie Medeiros, Debbie Silva, Mrs. Rego, Jackie Angelo, Jessica Collyer, Caryn Hodges, and Christine Richards. Great job, ladies ... and we must not forget those marshmallows next year!

All our food was donated by the following town establishments: Shipyard Galley - cookie tray; Nick's Pizza - pizzas; Kinsale Inn - shepherd's pie; How on Earth - mulled cider and veggie platter; Flour Girls of Marion - cookies; Artisan Kitchen from Rochester - brownies; Mattapoisett Chowder House and Tavern - chowder; Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop - cookies; The Nest Diner - chocolates; Turk's Seafood - fresh shrimp and dip; Uncle Jon's Coffee - hot cider; and Joyce Lombard - cookies. Hats off to all ... everything was delicious and there was nothing left to be had by Santa and his elves!

To our Highway Personnel: A big thank you to Barry Denham and his highway crew. Without them, we wouldn't have a tree lighting. They do all the outside work getting it ready for the big celebration and, believe me, it takes days of hard labor getting this together. Another five-star job well done! Without our great Fire Department staff and Chief Ron Scott, we would be walking! Thank you for our yearly Fire Engine ride! The children just love to ride the engines as do us older children! A thank you to the drivers who volunteered their time. We only hit a few large bumps!

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ing with our children of Mattapoisett. Again, you both braved a very cold day to visit with everyone in the park. Santa wants to thank all his little friends and elves — Meredith Dessert, Sophie Harding, Jessie Hodges, Perry Angelo, Molly Richards, and Sam Ellis — and a very earned thank you to our North Pole visitors, our Town Clerk and Building Inspector, for their outstanding performance!

We are now on our way to a bigger and better event each year thanks to our supporters, our town residents, our Board of Selectmen, and our Town Administrator. Again, thank you everyone for making my dream come true. And, hopefully, I haven't forgotten anyone and if I have it certainly wasn't intentional, so please accept this as my thank you to you.

Again, thank you to all and to all a good night!

Sincerely,
Melody Pacheco
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

The Marion Summer Fireworks Committee thanks *The Wanderer* for your recent coverage of our predicament. We are facing our biggest funding crisis ever! \$100 a barrel oil, the weak dollar and steep increases in public safety costs mean that our



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So we appeal to all who love the Marion fireworks to mail in your contributions right away, and to please consider increasing last year's donation by 25 percent. Make your check payable to the Town of Marion - Fireworks, 2 Spring Street, Marion MA 02738.

Sincerely,

Reg Foster, Chairman; Rick Barnes; Jack Beck; Eric Coble;

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Marion Fireworks Committee

To the Editor:

The Marion School Committee invites all Marion residents to celebrate the generosity and support for education of the Braitmayer Foundation — a local, family run non-profit foundation that has been supporting our students for more than thirty years. The celebration will be held at the Sippican School on Thursday, December 20 at 1:45 pm in the auditorium. The band will play, the chorus will sing and the students will have a chance to express their thanks to the Braitmayers personally.

This year the Marion School Committee nominated the Braitmayer Foundation for state-wide recognition by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) as an Outstanding School Partner, an award given annually. The

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We are delighted to inform our community that the Braitmayer Foundation has won this state-wide award! The President of MASC will be there to present the award along with other dignitaries and we hope that many members of our community will be able to attend as well.

At this time of year when we think of helping those less fortunate, it is truly a pleasure for us to be able to thank this wonderful organization for their outstanding generosity over the years. We hope to see you on December 20.

Sincerely,
Jane McCarthy, Chairman
Marion School Committee

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This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm. The Legion will review the recent Veterans Day observance which was well-attended by the Post and the public. They will also discuss plans for the annual Spaghetti Dinner with their fellow veterans from the Brockton VA. To all members and great residents of Mattapoisett, please accept the post's best wishes to you and your families for a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Holiday Season as 2007 comes to a close.

For more information or hall rental, please call 508-758-9311.

Shopping for Showstoppers

Dartmouth Children's Center at 968 Reed Road (one exit from the Dartmouth Mall) will be hosting two nights of childcare for children ages 3-12. Participants will enjoy an evening of fun and games, music and crafts with the junior- and senior-high school aged Showstoppers. On-site supervision will be provided by licensed adults on Saturday, December 15 from 4:00 to 10:00 pm and on Friday, December 21 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The cost is \$5 an hour and includes gift-making supplies, pizza, punch, and a dessert. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Large family discounts are also available. Please call Kelly at 508-758-4525 for more information or to reserve a spot. Proceeds will benefit The Showstoppers, a community-service vocal troupe and non-profit organization.

Town Clerk Qualified

Mattapoisett Town Clerk Barbara A. Sullivan recently qualified for the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association's prestigious CMMC (Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk) designation and will receive her pin and plaque at the MTCA winter conference in Sturbridge in March 2008. Only 110 of the Commonwealth's 301 town

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clerks have qualified for this distinction in the twelve years since its inception, with ninety active clerks holding the designation now.

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Barbara has served as the elected Town Clerk of Mattapoisett since 2002, after working in that office as a clerk for twelve years.

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She is a member of the MTCA Task Force for Election Reform and serves on the Boards of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. Her professional memberships and affiliations include the New England Association of City and Town Clerks, MTCA and International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Barbara is recognized nationally by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. After completing 100 hours of indepth study of courses in local government, management issues, problem-solving, municipal finance and law, and stress management at the New England Municipal Clerks Institute, she was awarded the IIMC's CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk) designation. She continues her professional development at courses sponsored by the MTCA and the New England Municipal Clerks Academy.

Rochester Historical Society

The annual Rochester Historical Society Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm at the East Rochester Church/Museum at 355 County Road. Members are reminded to bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange. Refreshments will be served.

Marion Presidential Primary

The Massachusetts Presidential Primary has been moved up to February 5, 2008. The last day to register to vote in the Primary Election in the Town of Marion is January 16, 2008. The Town Clerk's office will be open on this day until 8:00 pm that day for voter registration.

Voters may also register by mail using mail-in forms which are widely available throughout the state or during regular Town House business hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:40 pm; and Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Town House is located at 2 Spring Street in Marion.

Tinkhamtown Chapel Caroling

Holiday caroling at Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, December 22 at 5:00 pm. The chapel is located at the end of Acushnet Road near Long Plain Road. Everyone is invited to join in this

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Booksigning in Marion

Local author Charlie Poekel will be at The Book-stall in Marion on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon to sign copies of his new book, *Babe and the Kid*. This is a book for anyone who loves baseball.

The book jacket reads: "On the eve of game four of the 1926 World Series, Ruth heard that a young New Jersey boy, Johnny Sylvester, was laid up with a deadly illness. Ruth autographed a ball for Johnny, inscribing it, 'I'll knock a homer for you in Wednesday's game, Babe Ruth.' The rest was history. Ruth delivered on his promise and Johnny made a miraculous recovery."

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Mattapoisett Christmas Swim

All are invited to come out on Christmas morning, December 25, at 11:00 am and swim at the Mattapoisett Town Beach to raise money for Helping Hands and Hooves.

Each swimmer is asked to give a minimum donation of \$10 (payable the day of the swim) and the first 65 swimmers will receive a t-shirt as a token of appreciation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to Helping Hands and Hooves — a non-profit (based in Mattapoisett) that is dedicated to providing therapeutic riding lessons for adults with disabilities.

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The North Dartmouth Home Instead Senior Care office, whose caregivers provide non-medical home care and companionship to seniors in Southeastern Massachusetts has partnered with Wal-Mart in North Dartmouth and Fairhaven, Sears in North Dartmouth, and the Boston Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau National Sorority for the project. A nationwide program sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, "Be a Santa to a Senior" provides gifts and much-needed companionship to isolated and lonely seniors during the holidays.

Since Saturday, November 17, area shoppers have purchased gifts for seniors in need and dropped them off at participating merchants to be wrapped and delivered. Gifts will be delivered to seniors at the following locations: Caroline Street Senior Center in New Bedford, Countryside Adult Day Health Center in Assonet, Dartmouth Council on Aging, Elizabeth M. White Adult Day Health Center in Raynham, Fairhaven Council on Aging,

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Now in its fourth year nationally, "Be a Santa to a Senior" has brightened the lives of hundreds of thousands of older adults with gifts and companionship. Last year, 196,500 lonely seniors across North America received 312,500 gifts through this program, which has become the largest gift-giving project of its kind for older adults. In 2006, more than 21,000 volunteers supported the program and 1,500 locations across North America hosted a tree.

Blue Christmas Service

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will hold a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 23 at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven. This special worship service is designed to acknowledge the mixed emotions we may be experiencing at this time of year. Using comforting music and readings, as well as quiet time for reflection, we will seek the peace of God's presence while giving thanks for the wonderful miracle of the birth of the Christ Child. All are welcome to attend and to invite others for whom this service might be meaningful. For more information, feel free to speak to Reverend McClure at 508-993-3368.



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ORR Financial Aid Night

The Old Rochester Regional Guidance Department will sponsor the Annual Financial Aid Information Night for parents of college bound students, on Thursday, December 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the ORR High School Auditorium. A representative from MEFA will

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Financial aid is a critical issue for all students contemplating post-secondary education. Students may qualify for aid for further education at a trade/technical school, community college, junior college, or four-year college or university. All families are encouraged to apply for financial aid. It is almost impossible to predict how this process may affect the students and the decisions which need to be made in the next few months. The financial aid process has changed and may be handled differently from one college to another.

Filling out the forms correctly can eliminate delays which might jeopardize aid packages. The financial aid forms will be available at this meeting and will then be available in the Guidance Office during school hours.

Elderly Tax Counseling

Starting February 4, 2008, the AARP Tax Foundation will provide free tax help to people age 60 and older at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA). They will provide free tax counseling and basic income tax preparation for seniors.

A trained and certified counselor will be available Mondays and Thursdays by appointment until April 15. You must fill out the AARP Intake Form (available at the COA) or bring you last years form.

In addition, bring your Social Security earning letter which you received in November 2007, your current year tax package, if you received one as well as all earnings statements and reports from financial institutions. Please bring last year's tax form as filed with the state or the IRS.

Please contact the Mattapoisett COA with any questions at 508-758-4110.

Rochester Tax Mailings

Notice from the Rochester Tax Collector: The 2008 Rochester real estate and personal property bills have not been mailed due to a tax rate not being certified by the Department of Revenue (DOR). If you wish to make a payment based on 2007 bill, you may. The 2008 bills may be mailed by the end of December or first part of January,



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Mattapoissett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 14 in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street in Mattapoissett. There will be an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and punch served at 6:00 pm and a delicious meal catered locally by Panino's which will follow at 6:30 pm. The menu will be roast turkey with stuffing and gravy, mashed red bliss potatoes, butternut squash, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, grapenut pudding, coffee and punch. The cost of the meal will be \$15 per person and checks may be sent, payable to the Maconchu Club, to Joan Manchester, 5 LeBaron Way, Mattapoissett, MA 02739.

Entertainment is planned following the dinner: some students from the ORR Drama Club will come in costume from their latest production of "A Christmas Carol" to do some carolling, of course, with Paul Sardinha accompanying them on piano. And then, maybe, everyone will sing!

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North Rochester Congregational

The North Rochester Congregational Church located at 247 North Avenue is an independent church and welcomes everyone to worship at 10:00 am every Sunday. The pulpit is filled by volunteers from the congregation or guest speakers.

On the second Sunday of the month, following the service, everyone is invited to join together for food and fellowship at a brunch prepared by the members of the congregation. The church is handicap-accessible. For more information on special events or changes to the schedule, please call Barbara Besse at 508-763-8838. Please note: the church is not UCC-affiliated.

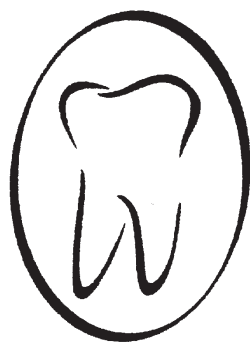


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- December 30: To be announced;
- January 6, 2008: Communion - Patti Keller.

Mattapoisett's "Great Decisions"

United States-China trade policy and recent product safety scares have thrown a spotlight on the enormous role China plays in supplying products to the U.S. Could the large and growing trade imbalance with China have an adverse effect on the U.S. economy?

Join the Mattapoisett Women's Club "Great Decisions" series and find out as discussions go beyond the headlines. The series empowers citizens to discuss global issues shaping U.S. foreign policy and the world on eight of the most significant and far-reaching issues facing the world.

Other featured topics include: Iraq end-game, European Union at 50, Talking to our enemies, Russia, U.S. defense and security policy, Latin America, and Private Philanthropy.

The Mattapoisett Women's Club has sponsored this thought provoking event for more than 25 years.

Come learn more about world issues that represent our foreign policy challenges of tomorrow as global concerns have increasingly become domestic challenges. An essential briefing book costing approximately \$18 provides historical background, current U.S. policy, informative maps and detailed graphs, as well as suggested readings and resources.

The popular series is open to all SouthCoast area men and women and meets once a week for eight Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in Mattapoisett's Congregational Church meeting room beginning January 23, 2008.

For more information please contact discussion leader, Ms. Lois Murray at 508-758-4949 before December 18, 2007.

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If you are parked at a meter in either the downtown or North End business districts while doing your holiday shopping and by chance receive a ticket, please take or mail your parking ticket along with a copy of sales receipt for over \$10 from a downtown or North End Business district restaurant/merchant to the Traffic Commission Office.

The Traffic Commission Office is located at 51 Elm Street and is open from Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program can be directed to the Traffic Commission Office at 508-961-3153.

The 2007 Holiday Parking Program is sponsored by the City of New Bedford Office of the Mayor in conjunction with Downtown New Bedford Inc. and the North End Business Association.

Tri-Town Flu Shots

Flu shots for Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester residents are available through the respective Boards of Health while supplies last.

Marion residents should call 508-748-3530. Mattapoisett residents should call 508-758-4100, extension 8. Rochester residents should call 508-763-5421. A \$5 suggested donation is encouraged for all residents not covered by Medicare.

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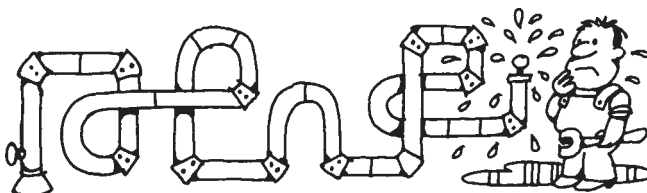
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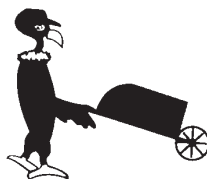
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ever rising cost of oil and other heating sources, we encourage residents to take advantage of what the program has to offer," said Fran Stubbs, Director of Fuel Assistance Program at PACE. The income guidelines are generous with a household of one, the gross annual income cannot exceed \$20,420 and for a household of two it is \$27,380. The value of your primary residence is not taken into consideration and the first \$100 of a household's annual interest is exempt under the program regulations. In addition to helping with heating cost, households found eligible for the program may also be eligible for discounted telephone and electric rates. For more information, please call PACE Fuel Assistance at 508-999-9920 or speak with Ben Martin or Vanessa Williams at the Mattapoissett COA at 508-758-4110.

Marion Postcard Book

Publication is right around the corner for Sipican Historical and Preservation Society (SHPS) Curator Pete Smith's wonderful book, *A Picture Postcard History of Marion*. Several years in development, the book chronicles the growth and changes in the town, as recorded on postcards during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Before telephones became commonplace, postcards were the cheapest, fastest modes of long-distance communication. Eventually, the postcards from that era became collectibles, some for their historical relevance and others for their visual appeal.

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For Pete, the interest in local postcards has been lifelong; for him, postcards of Marion, “bring back memories of places, people, and a way of living long gone. They also stir a bit of awe ... about how some aspects of the town endure — through the generations, alongside the press of commercialism and development, and despite repeated attempts by Mother Nature to remake the landscape with wind and water.” In addition to his own extensive research and materials, Pete was able to draw from SHPS holdings and those of fellow Marion postcard collectors. Aiding him tremendously in the development of the book were fellow SHPS members Dan and Judy MacKinnon, as well as Ann Washburn. *A Picture Postcard History of Marion* should be available for purchase by the

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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Presidential Primary

As you are aware, Governor Deval Patrick signed a bill on Monday, November 26 to move the state's presidential primary from March 4, 2008 to February 5, 2008. The last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary on February 5, 2007 is Wednesday, January 16, 2008. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 pm for registration that night. If you will not be able to vote on Election Day and wish to do so, please call the office at 508-758-4103, extension 2 for information regarding Absentee Ballots.

Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and the second and fourth Tuesday of the month until 6:00 pm.

SouthCoast Chamber Concert

The South Coast Chamber Music Society opens its eighth season with a "Very French Concert" featuring audience favorites as well as less well-known, but no less passionate, compositions from the heart of Europe.

The program, which opens at the Marion Music Hall on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:30 pm, is repeated in New Bedford's Grace Episcopal Church on Sunday, January 13, at 3:00 pm. Both concerts will be preceded by an informative lecture, at 7:00 pm in Marion and at 2:30 pm in New Bedford, and will offer receptions with light refreshments.

The January program features the music of Hector Berlioz, Claude Debussy, Albert Roussel, and Jean Francaix, composers whose careers span the last 150 years and whose work exemplifies the best in French chamber

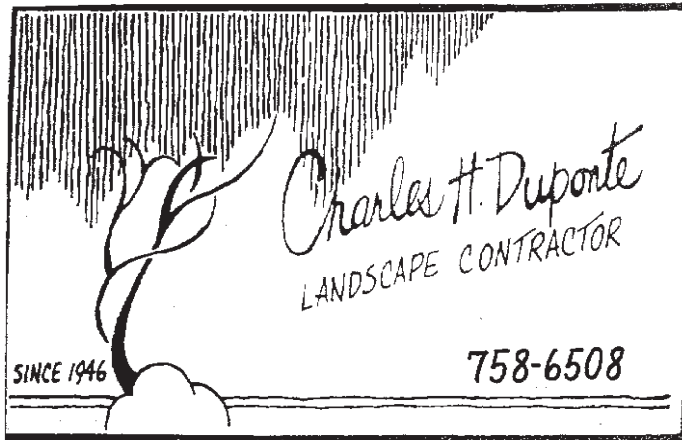
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From Hector Berlioz's "Les Nuits d'été" ("The Summer Nights"), his lovely settings of six of Theodore Gautier's most evocative poems, to Jean Francaix's Cor Anglais Quartet, the SCCMS program promises an in-depth look at French contributions to the chamber music universe we cherish today.

Berlioz's cycle of songs for voice and piano that were published in the summer of 1841 as *Les Nuits d'été* ("Summer Nights"), includes six poems from Gautier's

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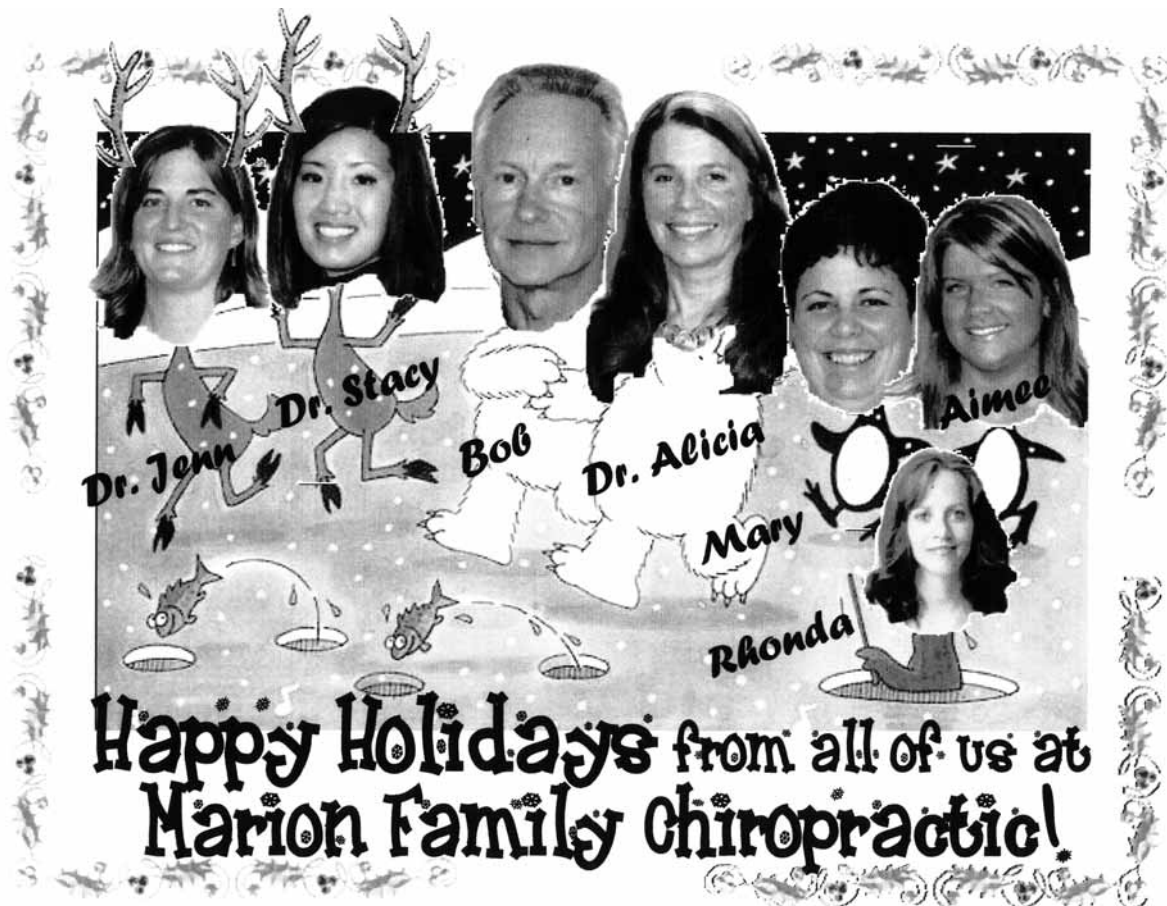
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Claude Debussy's *String Quartet in G minor, Op.10*, an early work, is justly admired for its sensuousness and for the lovely ways in which the composer plays with repetitions and echoes, traits that characterize his mature style. Debussy, who referred to himself as a "musicien français," typifies the gallic approach to music that is nonetheless clearly stamped with his personal approach and magic touch.

Albert Roussel may not yet be a household name, but for the French themselves he is truly a master of 20th century music. In *Les Joueurs de flute*, audiences will hear one of his best-known pieces, one that might be described as a tribute to the flute, his favorite instrument. Each of its four movements, Pan, Tityre, Krishna, and M. de la Pejaudie, is dedicated to a figure associated with the flute and features music typical of each, from ancient Greek to Hindu and modern European. As played by SCCMS co-founder Claude Cobert, Roussel's piece will offer an intriguing look at the subtlety and power of the flute.

Jean Francaix was a piano virtuoso who tried his hand at most musical forms — concerti, symphonies, operas, and ballets — but who never wandered far from his avowed goal, to "give pleasure." His *Quartet for cor*

anglais and strings, written in 1970 (Francaix died in 1997), will showcase Francaix's witty and elegant style and will remind audiences of that great French love of the Neoclassical that seems so apparent in all the arts, from the drama of Jean Racine to the stylistic flourishes of the Napoleonic era, to the paintings of David and Ingres.

Tickets for the January program are \$18 (ages 16 and younger free) and can be purchased at the door, at The Symphony Music Shop on Route 6 in Dartmouth, at The Bookstall on Front Street in Marion, or by filling-in and mailing the form that appears on SCCMS's website, www.southcoastchambermusic.org. For more information, please call the South Coast Chamber Music Society office at 508-992-4739.

Marion Council on Aging

Fuel Assistance

The COA office now has Fuel Assistance applications. Please call 508-748-3570 to make an appointment.

Upcoming Events

The COA van will be visiting the following places: Cape Cod Mall on December 13; and Dartmouth Mall on December 18.

Rochester Toys for Tots

The stores of the Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester are once again collecting Toys for Tots and food for Damien's Pantry this Christmas. Now through December 15, donations of toys and non-perishable food items will be accepted at many of the mall stores. Toys must be new. Please help spread the joy of Christmas with those less fortunate.

Friends of the Elderly

Christmas Party

Mattapoisett's Friends of the Elderly will have its Seniors Christmas Party on December 13 at 12:00 noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Please pick up your free ticket at the COA office in Center School.

Dine Out Books

Dine Out Books are for sale in the COA room at Center School. They are \$29.95 each. Please try and have the correct cash — no checks. These make great Christmas and birthday gifts!

Mattapoisett Women's Club

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COA Newsletter

If you wish to receive the Mattapoisett Council on Aging newsletter, please call the center at 508-758-4110 with your name and address. The newsletter comes out every other month and is full of ideas and upcoming events that you won't want to miss. Residents of Marion and Rochester are also welcome to receive newsletter and participate in COA activities.

Marion Art Center

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center, the location of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging is located at the Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance; parking is located across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Please be reminded that with the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, as with all Councils on Aging, any and all are welcome to participate in activities or utilize services. The Mattapoisett Council on Aging works regularly with a vibrant group of individuals who are always willing to welcome a new face. Please call them at 508-758-4110 if you are interested in receiving our bi-monthly newsletter or, if you wish to learn more about our services.

Weekly Schedule

- Monday, December 17: 8:00 Water Aerobics; 9:00 SHINE; 10:00 Garden Club; 1:00 Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 Scrabble; 1:30 Fitness with Karen;
- Tuesday, December 18: 8:30 Stop and Shop; 9:00 Art Class; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 11:00 Cribbage; 2:00 Weight Training;
- Wednesday, December 19: 8:00 Water Aerobics; 8:30 Yoga with Tricia; 12:30 Lunch Senior/Third Grade; 1:30-3:30 Bingo; 1:30 Fitness with Karen;
- Thursday, December 20: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:30 Bridge; 1:00 Crafters Circle; 1:00 Island Terrace Christmas Trees;
- Friday, December 21: 8:30 Shaws; 9:30 Weight Training; 11:00 Closed.

Upcoming Events

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- Bodies ... The Exhibition – Tuesday January 22, 2008 in Framingham. An exhibition that illustrates the complexity of the human body. Features over 200 specimens including whole bodies and individual organs. Call COA for rate and van \$6. Sign up early as space is limited.

- Library Van Service (*now* every Saturday). Please call the COA by Friday to schedule pick up at 9:00 am on Saturday.

- Cribbage: on Tuesdays at 11:00 am. A fun game that exercises the brain, too.

- New Bedford Symphony Orchestra: Holiday Concert Saturday, December 15 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 if purchased at the COA (\$50 tickets, special rate for Mattapoisett COA). Seats are limited so plan early. The cost is better than what symphony members pay, so if this is of interest, get your tickets early. Tickets are for Section A seating, first 25 rows. Van ride \$4 or buy your tickets here and provide own transportation. Either way, don't miss out!

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***The Kite Runner*. Starring Khalid Abdalla and Homayoun Ershadi. Directed by Marc Forster. Running time: 122 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.**

About half an hour into *The Kite Runner*, it comes — a terrific battle of kites in the skies of Kabul, swooping at each other like fighter jets, snipping one another's strings as the gathered crowds bellow with excitement. Everywhere you look, kids are on rooftops or in the streets, in pairs, one holding the spool, the other manipulating the kite like an angler trying to land a big, flapping fish. It's a truly magical sequence. Not long after that, one of the boys is cornered in an alley and raped. So much for magic. *The Kite Runner*, based on Khaled Hosseini's book-discussion-group phenomenon, is a thin and melodramatic epic whose emotional charge derives almost entirely from the performance of Ahmad Khan Mahmidzada, who plays the boy in peril, Hassan.

Hassan works as a servant to young Amir (Zekirja Ebrahimi), whose father, known only to us as Baba (Homayoun Ershadi), has retained Hassan's father's services also. The boys are close friends, moving in tandem through the streets of Kabul circa 1978. Though Hassan is not particularly big, he protects Amir from bullies, including the trio who eventually assault Hassan. Too afraid to intervene, Amir hides and looks on, then runs away. Amir's guilt is such that he can't look at Hassan without being reminded of his own cowardice, so he does odd, cruel things to Hassan.

All of that isn't bad, though indebted to films like Louis Malle's *Au Revoir, Les Enfants* and Roland Joffe's *The Killing Fields* — ah, the torments of the higher-class weakling who lacks the stones to save his lower-class friend. But *The Kite Runner* is the story of how the grown Amir (Khalid Abdalla), now a successful writer in America, delves back into the lion's den of Kabul under Taliban rule to rescue Hassan's son from — you guessed it — the same sexual sadist who raped Hassan years before. Oh, it's a tearjerker; the usual people who fall for this stuff will be crestfallen. I stopped believing in it soon after it became clear that Hassan, despite Mahmidzada's brave and emotionally transparent performance, is a plaster



saint allowed no traces of complexity or even resentment at the friend who abandoned him.

Bargaining to take Hassan's son Sohrab home to America, Amir is told to leave, whereupon he intones, "Not without Sohrab." I hear a bit of *Not Without My Daughter* there — another well-meaning film that casts Arabs as brutal savages, except, of course, for the sensitive, intellectual ones. In short, the Westernized ones. *The Kite Runner* does romanticize pre-Soviet and pre-Taliban Kabul, but only as a larger metaphor for how people like Amir ran away from it — just like he ran from Hassan! — leaving it to the warriors and rapists. Amir is called back to Kabul as a chance "to be good again" — i.e., to redeem his manhood and preserve what little innocence is left in Kabul.

Along the way, there's a wedding and a funeral, within the same five minutes of screen time. There's something here to jerk everyone's tears, except those of us who've seen it before in other variations. As adapted by director Marc Forster and scripter David Benioff, *The Kite Runner* comes off as the simplistic Oprah-approved gush it always was, and heroic wish fulfillment for a Kabul-born author who's made millions off of the pain of his countrymen. (Khaled Hosseini left Kabul with his family before any of the bad stuff went down.) What's worse, the two boy actors were forced to flee Afghanistan for fear of reprisals over the rape scene; Paramount Vantage, the film's distributor, got to play Amir and rescue the boys from the savages. Hollywood — and perhaps the Oscars too, I fear — will grab at any chance to "be good again."

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Fred Claus (PG) – 1:10, 4:10, 6:55, 9:15
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*TOP: The Marion Garden Discussion Group's Christmas Boutique.
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Rochester Sisters Nominated

Rochester Elementary School students and siblings, Arissa Underhill (Grade 6) and Deianeira Underhill (Grade 4), were recently honored with being recipients of numerous nominations for the SouthCoast Youth of The Year 2007.

Though flattered, these sisters felt that the award should be given to another youth who was equally deserving of same. There were, however, an significant amount of requests/recommendations for these two wonderful girls.

Recommendations came from as far as Guatemala, Florida, Camp Sunshine in Maine, Doug Flutie Jr. Autism Foundation, the Reach Out and Read Literacy Foundation, and individuals from local communities who have been touched by these two young girls.

Arissa and Deianeira have been working hard over the last year to earn monies on their own whether it be done by chores, allowances, foregoing birthdays, and more so they may help others who are less fortunate.

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10:30PM At St. Rita's Church

Solemn Late evening Mass.

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Christmas Morning (At St. Rita's)

9:30AM(Song Leader & Assembly)

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights December 2 through December 8, 2007:

- Route 195 East – assist other police department
- Wilson Road – officer wanted
- Spring Street – officer wanted
- Spring Street – suspicious activity
- Mill Street – officer wanted
- Pleasant Street – suspicious activity
- Cove Circle – animal complaint
- Cottage Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marvel Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Converse Road – breaking and entering/past
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Dexter Road – family disturbance
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – larceny/past
- Converse Road – disturbance
- Front Street – breaking and entering/in progress/adult arrest (breaking and entering, larceny from building, malicious destruction of property over \$250)
- Mill Street – suspicious person
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle complaint
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Converse Road – officer wanted
- River Road – suspicious activity.

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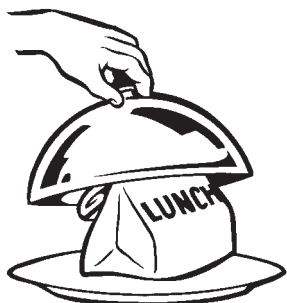
Log highlights December 2 through December 8, 2007:

- Church Street – vandalism
- Marion Road – officer wanted
- Brandt Island Road – suspicious persons
- County Road – safety/road hazard
- Aucoot Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious persons
- Acushnet Road – ambulance request
- North Street – vandalism
- Winter Hill Road – ambulance request
- Ned's Point Road – suspicious persons
- Oliver Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Crystal Spring Road – safety/road hazard
- County Road – property found
- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- Acushnet Road – assault
- Angelica Avenue – gunshots reported
- Pearl Street – burglary/breaking and entering into structure
- County Road/North Street – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Road – assault/past
- Pearl Street – suspicious activity
- Fairhaven Road – simple threats
- Pine Island Road – safety/road hazard
- Capeway Bar – mutual aid/police
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Suzan Way – ambulance request
- Marion Road – assist other agency
- Pine Island Road – safety/road hazard
- Marion Road – assist other agency.

ROCHESTER

Log highlights December 4 through December 11, 2007:

- Dexter Lane – motor vehicle violation
- Mattapoisett Road – animal complaint
- Hartley Road – ambulance request
- Pine Street – traffic control
- Cranberry Highway – animal complaint
- High Street – motor vehicle accident
- Rounseville Road – animal complaint
- Snipatuit Road – animal complaint
- Rounseville Road – ambulance request
- Braley Hill Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- New Bedford Road – trespassing
- Featherbed Lane – animal control
- Walnut Plain Road – vandalism
- Pierce Street – suspicious activity
- New Bedford Road – animal control
- Bisbee Drive – assist citizen
- Dexter Lane – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Rounseville Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Vaughan Hill Road – motor vehicle accident
- Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
- Snipatuit Road – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – suspicious activity
- Pine Street – motor vehicle accident
- Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license).



LOCAL LUNCH MENUS

MATTAPOISETT / MARION / ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, December 17: Pizza dippers, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday, December 18: French toast sticks, light sausage, baby cake, spiced apples, choice of milk.

Wednesday, December 19: Spaghetti with/without meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday, December 20: American pizza, vegetable, fruit,

choice of milk.

Friday, December 21: Chicken nuggets, smiley fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 17: Beef steak with Salisbury sauce, mixed vegetables, whipped potatoes, whole wheat roll, chilled pers in light syrup.

Tuesday, December 18: Cream of broccoli soup, honey glazed chicken, au gratin potatoes, honey wheat roll, orange.

Wednesday, December 19: Roasted turkey with gravy, red bliss potatoes, cranberry sauce, winter squash, dinner roll, apple pie, graham wafer.

Thursday, December 20: BBQ pork rib, vegetarian baked beans,

Riviera blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, pineapple tidbits in light syrup.

Friday, December 21: American chop suey, Italian blend vegetables, multigrain roll, tapioca pudding, sugar-free pudding.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 17: Chicken tenders, mashed potato, vegetable, stuffed crust pizza, pizza dippers, soup.

Tuesday, December 18: Breakfast for lunch: waffle sticks, hash brown sausage, cinnamon apples, pizza, pretzel, soup.

Wednesday, December 19: Cheeseburger, macaroni, vegetable, bread stick, pizza, soup, pretzel.

Thursday, December 20: Chicken nuggets, spril fries, vegetable, pizza, soup, pretzel.

Friday, December 21: Pizza, vegetable, soup, pretzel.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 17: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, December 18: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, green beans, roll, fruit, cookie.

Wednesday, December 19: Sloppy Joe, Italian grinder, spicy fries, corn, pudding.

Thursday, December 20: Orange juice, pizza bagel, potato chips, peas, chilled fruit.

Friday, December 21: EARLY DISMISSAL: No lunch served.



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Most recently, the girls have "adopted" several area Marines as "pen pals" and have put together boxes of essentials and fun things to send to these Marines. These individuals having no one to write or send items to them while serving our Country. Also, they have been diligently working to send as many cards as possible to the Recovering Soldiers Card Drive in Washington, DC.

Congratulations, girls, on the wonderful achievements and the honor of having been again nominated!

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MILESTONES

Carolyn Y. (Yukna) Babcock, 62, of Marion died December 10, 2007 at St. Luke's Hospital after a period of failing health. She was the wife of Bruce R. Babcock.

Born in Brockton, the daughter of the late Daniel and Stacy (Stipinis) Yukna, she lived in Stanton, NJ, Charlotte, NC, Mattapoisett and Marion.

Carolyn was formerly employed by AT&T in Stanton, NJ, and Charlotte, NC before retiring from the Fairhaven location. With a love of cooking and a large library of cookbooks, she enjoyed cooking and entertaining family and friends.

Survivors include her husband; her twin sister, Kathryn Sullivan, and her husband Leo, of Hubbardston, MA; 2 brothers, Raymond Yukna of Denver, CO and Paul Yukna of Milford, CT; nieces and nephews including Ryan Sullivan, and his wife Carrie and Brendan Sullivan, and his wife Kate; grandnieces, Shea, Kelsey and Elyse.

Private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Everett Douglas Mills, Sr., of Acushnet died Wednesday, December 5 after many years of battling a glioma in his brain. Born February 2, 1936, in Providence, RI, son of the late Doris and David Mills, he lived in Acushnet most of his life. He was the former owner of Singer HTG and MVM Mechanical. He was a former member of Local 77 in New Bedford and a union contractor for many years. Everett served for a period as the President of the Local 77 apprenticeships program.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in the post Korean War.

Everett was an avid runner and bicyclist having been a competitor of the Boston Marathon, Mount Washington

Road Race and various iron man triathlons. He loved his family and enjoyed skiing, hiking, kayaking, swimming and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marilyn (Wood) Mills; two daughters, Elizabeth Trull of Fairhaven, Judith Furtado and her husband, John of Dartmouth; sons, Everett Douglas Mills, Jr., and his wife, Claudia of Mattapoisett, Peter Mills and his wife, Kelley of Dartmouth, Jonathan Mills and Joshua Mills and his wife, Kathy; four grandsons, Nathaniel Trull, Graham Mills, Lynden Mills, Trevor Furtado; three granddaughters, Laura Mills, Gretta Mills and Shannon Mills; a brother, Russell Mills of Orlando, FL; a sister, Nancy Beckley of Remington, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews. Everett was the brother of the late David Mills of Reading, Pennsylvania; and the grandfather of the late Benjamin Stearns Trull.

Donations in his memory may be made to PRoNE (Pug Rescue of New England). Checks payable to PRoNE, Doris Aldrich, 17 Jones Road, Pelham, MA 01002.

Private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Hilma M. (Kela) Musakka, 88, of Marion, died Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at home after an illness. She was the widow of the late Sulo A. Musakka. Her first husband, Elmer E. Tahtinen died in 1962. She was the daughter of the late Yrjo A. and Anna M. (Launonen) Kela.

She was born in Quincy and lived in Marion for many years. Ms. Musakka worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Lakeville Hospital for many years before retiring. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in

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Volunteers will each be given shifts of a few hours on New Year's Eve to help check for buttons at venue sites, assist at Custom House Square and perform various other necessary tasks. It takes a lot of volunteers to help out on the evening of First Night and community participation helps tremendously. Volunteers will receive a complimentary First Night button as a thank you to enjoy the rest of the celebration.

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Survivors include 2 sons, Frederick E. Tahtinen of Rochester and Einar Y. Tahtinen of Altadena, CA; 2 daughters, Helen Johnston of Jacksonville, FL and Judith (Tahtinen) Anderson of Maui, HI; 7 grandchildren.

Donations in her memory may be made to the First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 98, Rochester, MA 02770.

Ruth A. (DeMello) Correa, 68, of New Bedford died December 5, 2007 at home after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Lionel A. Correa. Born in Dartmouth, the daughter of the late Manuel and Johanna (Costa) DeMello, she lived in New Bedford most of her life.

Ms. Correa was a member of the Christian Fellowship Center.

She was formerly employed as a custodian at New Bedford High School for 15 years until her retirement. She previously worked at Dritz Corp for 10 years.

An avid dancer and bowler, she was a member of the Avadance Dance Club, the Metrodone Dance Club, and Team Family Ties at Wonderbowl. She enjoyed exercising and going on vacation.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Dori Maher, and her husband Brian and Lisa Moniz, all of New Bedford; her companion, Larry Vera of Fort Myers, FL; a stepson, Alan Correa of Maryland; 2 brothers, Edward DeMello of Dartmouth and Ronald DeMello of Rochester; a sister, Marjorie Rezendes of Fairhaven; 7 grandchildren, Rachel Bento, Carlos Silveira, Jr., Kim Bento, Michael Maher, Roger Moniz, Jr., Lorrie Correa and David Correa; a great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Garzon; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by the Saunders-Dwyer Home For Funerals, 495 Park Street, New Bedford.

Steven F. DeTerra, 34, of New Bedford died unexpectedly at home on December 2, 2007.

Mr. DeTerra was born in New Bedford the son of Rosella (Avery) DeTerra of Mattapoisett and raised in New Bedford and Mattapoisett. He graduated from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and attended classes at Bristol Community College, Bridgewater State College and New England Tech.

He lived for several years in Florida where he managed apartment complexes for Trammel Crowe. He had worked for Tremblay's Bus Company of New Bedford as a motor coach driver and for the City of New Bedford as a

Bookmobile driver. He was currently a substitute teacher at the Keith and Normandin Middle Schools and a bartender at The Rainbow's End and Le Place.

He loved spending time with his family and friends. He was involved in local politics, supported area causes and enjoyed cooking, bike riding, reading and computers. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his partner: Shawn Duarte of New Bedford; 2 brothers: James F. DeTerra III and his wife Nicole of Assonet and Mark McKenna of California; his maternal grandmother: Agnes Avery of Dartmouth; uncles and aunts: Donald and Carol Bellefeville and Fred and Sally Avery of Dartmouth; cousins: John, Danielle, Timothy and the late Hannah Roy of New Bedford and Mark and Neil Avery of Dartmouth; nephews: Tate, Casey and Jacob DeTerra; and a niece: Emma DeTerra.

Funeral services and interment will be private.

Dorrance E. Dupont, 79, died Saturday December 8, 2007 in New Bedford after a long illness. She was the widow of Raymond Dupont and daughter of the late Oscar and Anita Joncas. She was born in Fall River and lived in Mattapoisett for 20 years prior to relocating to New Bedford 20 years ago. She was formerly employed at Sears in the Service Department prior to retiring Mahoney's Home and Heating Company, as an Assistant Manager.

Ms. Dupont taught CCD classes for 4 years and was past president of Saint Anne's Sodality for 4 years. In her leisure time she enjoyed she enjoyed reading, listening to classical music, cooking, painting, crocheting but most of all being with her family.

Survivors include her daughter Michelle Gomes and her husband Gary M. of New Bedford, her son Paul Dupont and his wife Mariann of Lynn; four grandchildren, a great granddaughter, several neiwces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Mireille Smith and Jeannine Machado.

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The First Night New Bedford Committee recently unveiled the 2008 button at Shaw's Supermarket at 500 Kings Highway in New Bedford. The 2008 button features the winning image of the downtown New Bedford skyline illuminated by fireworks on New Year's Eve 2007 captured by local photographer Bob Hughes.

"The 2008 First Night button represents all of the fun and excitement that the New Year's Eve celebration brings to downtown New Bedford," said Mayor Scott W. Lang. "This year, the First Night Committee has worked in collaboration with AHA! and I think the public will be pleasantly surprised with the new and expanded programming they have created."

First Night 2008 starts at 5:00 pm on New Year's Eve with a service at Seaman's Bethel and concludes with an amazing fireworks display at Custom House Square at 10:00 pm with lots of fun family-oriented events scheduled at more than a dozen different downtown venues. A complete list of the programming scheduled for First Night 2008 is available at www.firstnightnb.org.

The First Night New Bedford Committee encourages the public to purchase their First Night New Bedford buttons early and save. From now until December 19, buttons are only \$8 each. From December 20 through New Year's Eve, buttons will sell for \$10 each. No button is required for admittance for children 3 years of age and under.

In addition to Shaw's Supermarket, First Night 2008 buttons are also available at all Sovereign Bank branches, Dorothy Cox's Chocolates in Fairhaven, and Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop on Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

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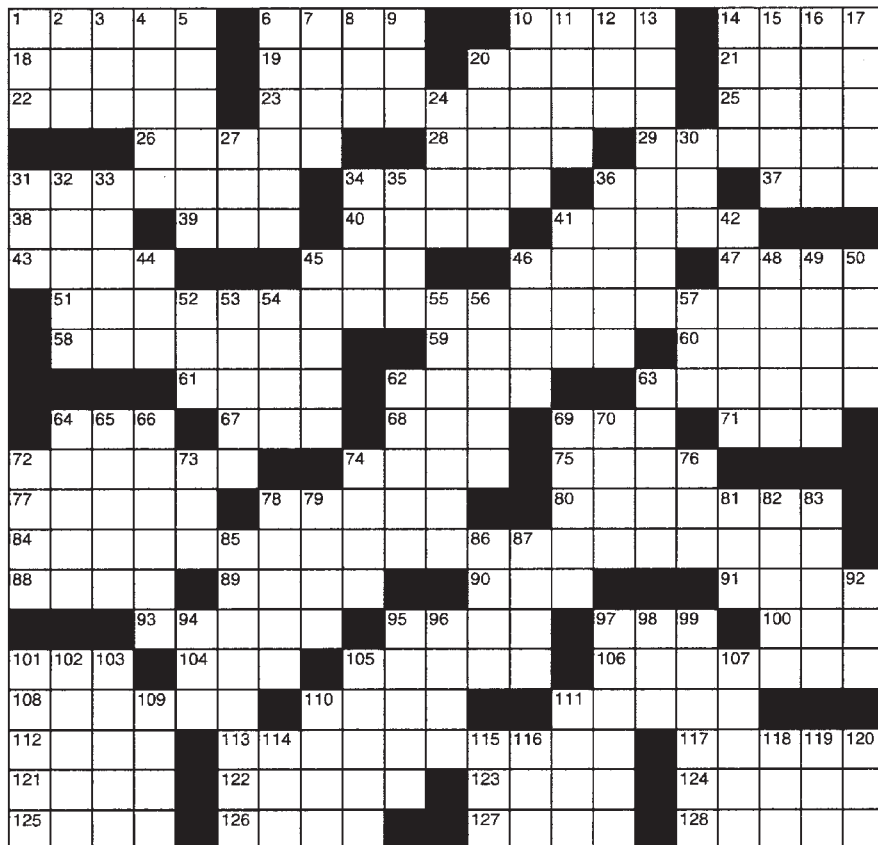
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11 Stud site
12 Impresario
13 Italy's — Mountains
14 Celeste or Ian
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16 Maui greeting
17 Obtruse
20 "Light My Fire" rockers
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Start preparing now to make sure you get the credit you're due for all that effort you put in to get that project off the ground. A new challenge emerges after the 15th.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're still charging full steam ahead on the job -- and that's fine. But take time to share the joy of preparing for the upcoming holidays with folks you love.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workaday duties and spend time with your family.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable expressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that personal situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An old friend gives confusing signals. Best advice: Don't assume that things will necessarily work themselves out. Ask questions and demand straight answers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natural sense of caution. Meanwhile, check out that new job offer.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of right and wrong sometimes causes you to come into conflict with others. But you invariably come out ahead.

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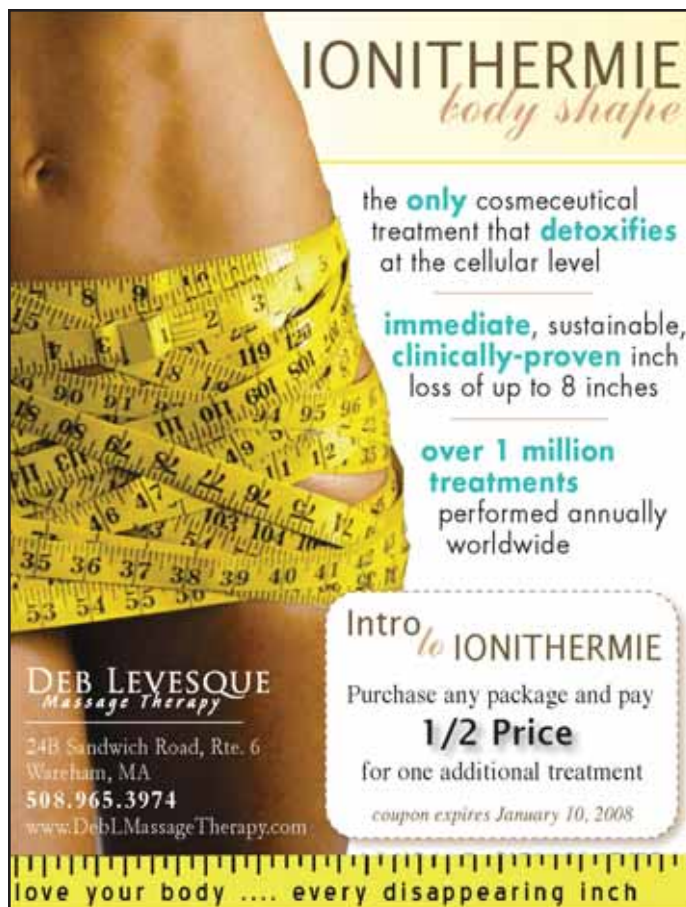
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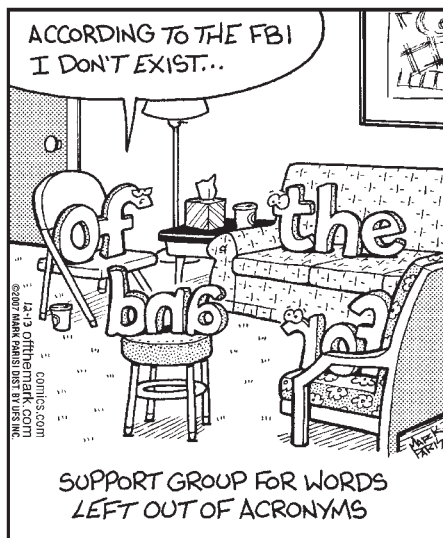
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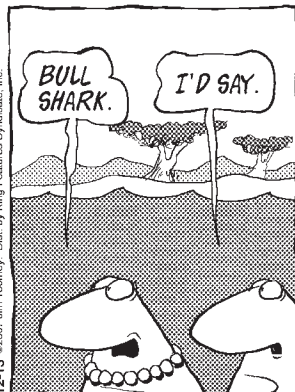
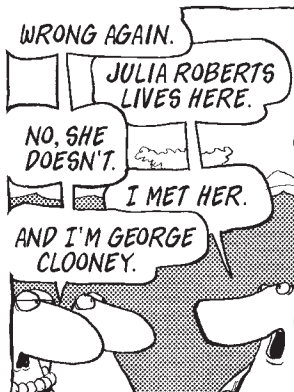
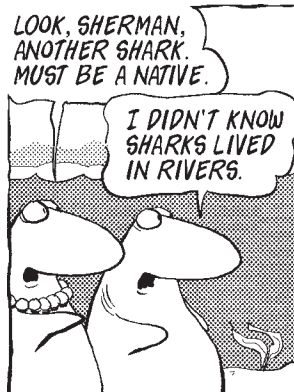
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- New Year's Party – Ring in the New Year a little early with all of us here at the Senior Center. Join them on Monday, December 31 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for an afternoon of fun and frolic with great hot hors d'oeuvres and a glass of bubbly (non-alcoholic) and ring in the New Year amidst friends and neighbors! A great time to be had by all who attend! We hope you'll join us!

- Computer Lab – The Senior Center on-line Computer Lab is available for your use anytime.

- Computer Classes – Mondays Charlie Tate will resume his drop-in classes at 1:00 pm. Anyone is wel-

come.

- Billiards (Pool) Lessons – Every Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, learn the basics of shooting pool with Volunteer instructor Carl Bissonnette at the Rochester Senior Center. The lessons are free, so come on down and hone your skills! Anyone is welcome.

- Decorative Acrylic Painting Class – Rochester resident Sue McMullen is teaching a weekly acrylic painting class on Monday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Senior Center. Cost is \$5 per person per week, payable directly to the instructor. Supplies are being provided by the instructor and are included in the price of the class. Just bring your brushes.

- Calling All Friends – It's not too late to turn in your annual dues to renew your membership to the Friends of the Rochester Senior Center. All potential new Friends are also welcome. Dues are \$3. The Friends funds are given to the Senior Center to assist with various projects, supplies and operating expenses.

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Local Tides

Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
December 13:	Thurs.	9:58	10:26	2:56	3:52
December 14:	Fri.	10:44	11:15	3:38	4:31
December 15:	Sat.	11:34	...	4:25	5:13
December 16:	Sun.	12:05	12:27	5:21	6:04
December 17:	Mon.	12:57	1:22	6:31	7:02
December 18:	Tues.	1:53	2:21	7:58	8:04
December 19:	Wed.	2:53	3:24	9:17	9:01
December 20:	Thurs.	3:56	4:26	10:21	9:56
December 21:	Fri.	4:57	5:26	11:17	10:49
December 22:	Sat.	5:55	6:21	...	12:01
December 23:	Sun.	6:51	7:13	12:02	1:08
December 24:	Mon.	7:42	8:07	12:35	2:01
December 25:	Tues.	8:33	8:58	1:28	2:50
December 26:	Wed.	9:24	9:50	2:21	3:34
December 27:	Thurs.	10:16	10:43	3:12	4:13
December 28:	Fri.	11:07	11:35	4:01	4:51
December 29:	Sat.	11:57	...	4:52	5:29
December 30:	Sun.	12:16	12:47	5:49	6:12

Phases of the Moon

First Quarter
Full Moon
Last Quarter
New Moon

December 17th
December 23rd
December 31st
January 8th

off the mark by Mark Parisi



I found the Aardvark!

Each week we will give away an Aardvark Gift and each month we give away a special Aardvark Gift Basket to one lucky person. All you have to do to enter is find the Aardvark! The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

The winner will be selected from all the correct answers picked by the deadline and the prize will have to be picked up at our office. Only one entry per household per issue please.

To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoissett, MA 02739.

Winner, past location and prizes listed on our website at: www.wanderer.com Click on "I Found the Aardvark"

In the December 6 issue the Aardvark was hiding on Page 51

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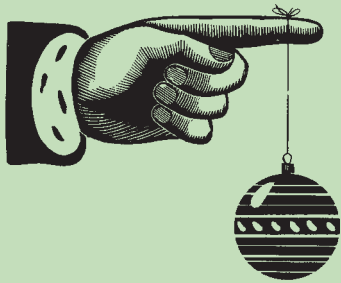
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